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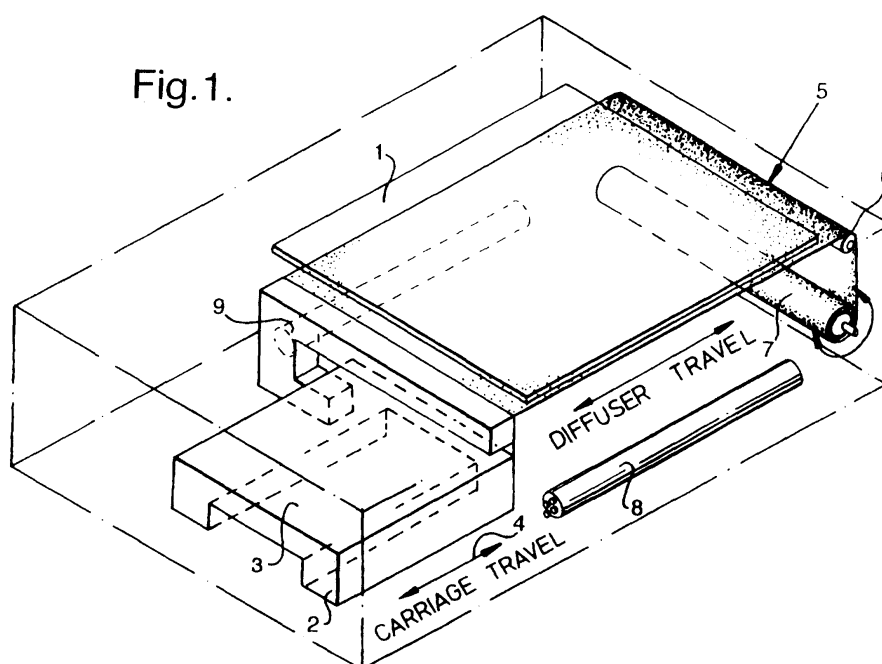
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(54) Image viewing apparatus

(57) Image viewing apparatus comprises a transparent platen (1) on which an image to be scanned can be positioned. A scanning system support (2) is movable alongside the platen (1). A light source (8,9) illuminates the platen (1) from the same side as the scanning system support (2). A light diffuser (5) can be moved

between a first position in which it is located between the light source and the platen whereby light from the light source is diffused across the platen, and a second position in which the light diffuser is positioned so as not to impede a scanning system on the support from viewing an image on the platen.



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